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QUOTE

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TAGS:PFOR, EAID, LA

SUBJECT: EXTORTION ATTEMPT BY PROTEST COMMITTEE OF USAID
LOCAL EMPLOYEES

REF: VIENTIANE 4033; 4036

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO AGREE TO PAYMENT OF SEVERANCE PAY
ABOVE AND BEYOND THAT NORMALLY DUE UPON TERMINATION OF
SERVICE AID EMPLOYEES, IF, IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE COUNTRY
TEAM, SUCH PAYMENT IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT SAFETY OF
AMERICANS REMAINING IN LAOS. PAYMENT OF THIS TYPE OF
ADDITIONAL AMOUNT HAS NO OTHER JUSTIFICATION AND WOULD
RESULT IN EXTREMELY SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO
ANY RESUMPTION OF SHIPMENT OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE COMMODITIES
OR FUTURE OBLIGATIONS OF AID FUNDS. THE LAO SHOULD BE MADE
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AWARE OF THAT FACT UNLESS IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE COUNTRY

TEAM, SUCH FURTHER DISCUSSION WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO THE
SAFETY OF AMERICANS. KISSINGER

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